

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

DATE: April 22, 2010

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:32 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 8:21 p.m.

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **ATTENDING MEMBERS**

Mike Speedy, Chairman  
Ginny Cain  
Benjamin Hunter  
Brian Mahern  
Dane Mahern  
Angela Mansfield  
Janice McHenry  
Mary Moriarty Adams  
Christine Scales

#### **ABSENT MEMBERS**

### **AGENDA**

PROPOSAL NO. 118, 2010 - appropriates \$37,500 in the 2010 Budget of the Department of Public Works (State Grants Fund) to fund educational outreach and increased awareness regarding the proper disposal of compact fluorescent light bulbs  
"Do Pass " Vote: 9-0

Presentation on proposal to transfer the water and wastewater systems to Citizens Energy Group – Chris Cotterill, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office and Carey Lykins, President and CEO of Citizens Energy Group

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Public Works Committee of the City-County Council met on Thursday, April 22, 2010. Chairman Mike Speedy called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. with the following members present: Ginny Cain, Ben Hunter, Brian Mahern, Dane Mahern, Angela Mansfield, Mary Moriarty Adams, Janice McHenry, and Christine Scales. James Steele, Council Chief Financial Officer, (CFO), was also in attendance.

PROPOSAL NO. 118, 2010 - appropriates \$37,500 in the 2010 Budget of the Department of Public Works (State Grants Fund) to fund educational outreach and increased awareness regarding the proper disposal of compact fluorescent light bulbs

Michael Williams, CFO, Department of Public Works, CFO, stated that they actually have the cash on hand for this appropriation, because it was deposited with the city back in 2007. He stated that at this time they are appropriating the money for use for outreach and community awareness for the Tox Drop program.

Councillor D. Mahern asked if there are any specific special programs or events that are going to be done with \$37,500. Mr. Williams stated that, in particular, it is dealing with the compact fluorescent light; it boxes them up and sends them to someone who specializes in the proper disposal of the bulbs. Councillor D. Mahern asked how they will be letting the public know about this program. Nathan Self, Manager of the Tox Drop program, DPW, stated that they will buy promotional stuff to get the word out to the public on how to properly dispose of the bulbs.

Chairman Speedy asked that since this was appropriated in last year's budget, was it not anticipated that they would get the funds until recently. Mr. Williams stated that it would have been an oversight not to put it into the 2010 budget, but it is now time to implement the program. The money was deposited to the city back in 2007. Councillor Speedy clarified that this was a grant that came from the state. He asked how specifically it was going to be used as far as education; he asked if they were going to use tri-folds, online video, advertisement, etc. Mr. Self stated that they were going to use all of those approaches. Chairman Speedy asked when the first Tox Drop would take place. Mr. Self stated that an event will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at three different locations.

Councillor Cain asked if these are the long tube lights that have been around forever or the new curlicue lights. Mr. Williams stated that they are the curlicue lights.

Councillor D. Mahern asked if there is a number people can call with questions regarding the proper disposal of the light bulbs. Mr. Self stated that the number is 327-2234. Mr. Self stated that the bulbs cannot just be thrown away, because they have to keep the mercury out of the waste streams.

Councillor McHenry asked if there will be information or posting at stores, how to properly dispose of the bulbs that are being purchased. Mr. Self stated that they are looking into seeing if they can provide that service.

Chairman Speedy asked if the proper way to dispose of the bulbs is thru the Tox Drop program. Mr. Self stated that this is the way the city would like for the disposal of the bulbs to be handled.

Councillor McHenry asked if the city would be willing to work with some of the stores, as far as collecting the bulbs and bringing them to the Tox Drop. Mr. Williams stated that they would be willing to look into that.

Councillor Scales moved, seconded by Councillor Hunter, to send Proposal No.118, 2010 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

**The Presentation portion of this meeting will be distributed at a later date.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Speedy, Chair  
Public Works Committee

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